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Dear Mr Sloan,

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER: 1421/2012
APPLICATION NUMBER: 260950
LOCATION: 9 SALAMANCA, CROWTHORNE, WOKINGHAM, RG45 6AP

I am writing to you regarding your application to carry out works to protected tree(s), which was received and validated on the 19 April 2026.

I can confirm Wokingham Borough Council **consents with conditions**, to the following work being carried out to tree(s) included in the above-mentioned Tree Preservation Orders (TPO):

Approved works to A2 of TPO 1421/2012:

T1 Oak Tree, removal of deadwood at lower stem and removal of limbs.

Reasons stated for works:

Selective pruning. 1. Remove deadwood on lower part of the stem. This large stem is dead and is overhanging a public footpath on Lower Wokingham road and is in danger of collapse with potential injury to pedestrians/cars. 2. Remove limbs from the oak tree which are touching a GPO telegraph wire running along Lower Wokingham Road. Am concerned that future growth of these limbs / or severe storms will lead to the branches damaging the phone wires leading the homeowner (myself) being libel to a damage/repair claim from the Telephone company.

The consent is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. The above works must be completed before **16 June 2028** and in the event of the works not being completed by that date, further consent will be required.
2. The approved tree works shall be limited to:
 - Branches affecting the telecommunications line may be selectively reduced to provide suitable clearance from the overhead wire.
 - No major scaffold limb or primary structural branch shall be removed in its entirety unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

- Pruning shall be restricted to localised tip reduction and secondary branch reduction only, sufficient to achieve the necessary clearance from the overhead line.
 - The works shall not exceed the minimum level of intervention necessary to address the identified safety and service clearance issues.
 - All works shall be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010. No major scaffold limbs shall be removed.
3. Climbing spikes shall not be used whilst undertaking any form of works on living trees, except on trees to be felled.

Reasons for conditions 1-3...

1. To ensure that our records remain accurate.
2. To ensure that the approved works address the identified safety and utility clearance concerns while retaining the protected tree's structural integrity, visual amenity, and long-term contribution to the landscape.
3. Spikes can cause extensive long-term damage to trees.

Informative:

If you are aggrieved by any of the conditions attached to your consent, you may appeal to The Planning Inspectorate (PINS). Because of coronavirus (COVID-19), you currently can only make a planning appeal online. You cannot currently apply by post.

For more information go to:

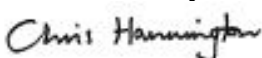
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tree-preservation-order-appeal-form>

Telephone: 0303 444 5570 or e-mail it to: treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
Your appeal should be received within one month of receipt of this decision or any such longer period as the Planning Inspectorate may allow.

You are advised that this letter is in respect of the **Tree Preservation Order only** and it does not imply that consent would be forthcoming from the owner of the tree(s) or any such other persons from whom consent may be required.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact the Tree and Landscape Officer via email to: development.control@wokingham.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



Chris Hannington
Trees and Landscape Team Manager

Please note that your attention is drawn to the following information:

Bird Nesting Season and Presence of Bat Roosts

In accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) and Countryside Rights of Way Act (2000), consideration must be given to the timing and type of tree work operations, to avoid causing disturbance to any nesting birds or bat roosts that may be present within the tree(s).

The Act makes it an offence (subject to exceptions) to intentionally kill, injure, or take, possess, or trade in any wild animal listed, and prohibits interference with places used for shelter or protection, or intentionally disturbing animals occupying such places.

It is advised that all non-urgent major tree work and hedge cutting operations are undertaken at a time to avoid disturbing nesting birds during the breeding season (to which the bird nesting season is considered to be from March to July). Where bats are suspected to be present, it is recommended that advice first be sought from a licenced bat specialist and if appropriate, the relevant licence(s) be obtained before any major tree work or hedge cutting commences.

Further information can be found at the following:

DEFRA (Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs)
Tel: 08459 33 55 77 or by email at helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Website: www.defra.gov.uk/

Natural England
Tel: 0845 600 3078 or by email at enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk
Website: www.naturalengland.org.uk

Bat Conservation Trust
Tel: 0845 1300 228 or by email at enquiries@bats.org.uk
Website: www.bats.org.uk

Forestry Act 1967 and Felling Licences

If it proposed to fell a tree or trees greater than 5 cubic metres or sell more than 2 cubic metres of timber in any calendar quarter, a Felling Licence from the Forestry Authority may be required.

Please note that Felling Licences are not required to remove trees from domestic (residential) gardens. Where you are the landowner of large pieces of land with numerous trees, clarification from the Forestry Commission may be required as to whether a Felling licence is needed.

For more information on Felling Licences, please speak to the Woodland Officer at the Forestry Commission on 01296 696543

Further Information can be found on the Forestry Commission Website:
www.forestry.gov.uk